

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ellen M. Heath et al. Art Unit : 1623
Serial No. : 09/974,798 Examiner : Eric Olson
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Title : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR USING A SOLID SUPPORT TO PURIFY RNA

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2007, said period of response being extended from October 5, 2007 to January 7, 2008 (Monday).

Applicant will pay \$525.00 for the extension fee at the time of electronic filing. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account 50-3503.

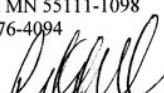
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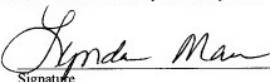
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